

Mailbox Literature Service Information

The Library offers a **literature news source** and avenue for comments through an e-mail service called a listserv. After subscribing, the participant receives word from the NIH Library of literature related services and information resources in their mailbox.

The listserv is also a **forum for discussion**. Complaints, suggestions, questions about, for example, Library services, or Grateful Med or access to the Library's on-line catalog or Internet resources in medicine and biology can be raised and addressed on the Listserv.

To subscribe to the Library's Listserv:

- ➡ Send an e-mail message to:
listserv@list.nih.gov
- ➡ In the text of the message type:
subscribe NIHLIB-L firstname lastname
substituting your actual first and last names.

Sequence Submission

Some journals now require submission of molecular sequence information prior to publication so that an accession number may appear in the paper. However, instructions for authors do not include information about submission procedures.

Information on **sequence submission procedures** for GenBank at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) can be found through Mosaic at the URL address

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>
or by calling NCBI at 496-2475.

NIH Lectures on VHS Tapes

The NIH Library has an embryonic **video collection of lectures held at NIH**. Currently, there are about eight tapes (VHS) of the Women's Health Seminar Series held in Lipsett Auditorium from January to May 1993 as well as the NIH Director's Seminar Series held in Wilson Hall at various times in 1994. As seminars are held, Library staff calls to obtain the videotape. The intent of this service is to offer interested NIH staff an alternative when schedule conflicts interfere with attendance.

The **videotapes can be checked out** like books; the Library does not have viewing facilities. A search of the NIH Catalog by entering the words NIH Video after selecting Call Number from the main search menu will retrieve records for the collection.

AIDS Exhibit

In recognition of World AIDS Day, December 1, an exhibit of AIDS related publications is on display in the NIH Library. The exhibit, and its bibliography, will be **up through the middle of January**. Items on display may be checked out of the Library, and copies of the bibliography are available for those who are interested.



Journal Issues Needed

The Library seeks donated copies of the following journal issues:

- American Journal of Clinical Oncology**
Volume 11, No. 5-6, 1988
- Annali Dell'Istituto Superiore Di Sanita**
Supplement 1 to Volume 29, No. 1, 1993
- American Journal of Pathology**
Volume 143, No. 1, 1993
- Epilepsia**
Supplement 5, 1993
- Current Opinion In Infectious Diseases**
Volume 6, No. 2, 1993

Please contact Margaret Kunz at 496-3541 about issues or mail them to the attention of Ms. Kunz at the NIH Library, Building 10, 1L09G.

See Search Tip on back for hints on searching Grateful Med

Making Grateful Med Work for You

Recently, an NIH scientist asked for a method to monitor the contents of recent issues of a journal **using Grateful Med**. A method for journals published weekly or monthly is described here.

The current month of references in Medline can be found through Grateful Med in the **SDline** file. References to a journal of interest can be retrieved from this file with abstracts. Enter the Medline title abbreviation, or journal code on the line named **Journal Abbrev.**

The journal abbreviation or code can often be found with a key word search of the periodical file, **Serline**, selected from Grateful Med's list of searchable databases. Alternatively, a journal title abbreviation is available from the NIH Library **Reference desk (496-2184)** between 8:30 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Some single word titles such as Nature, Science, and Lancet can be entered just that way.

A November search of **Lancet** in SDline retrieved 216 references from the September 24, 17, 10, and 3, 1994

issues. This is a large retrieval, but with a network connection, the download proceeds quickly for later review. A search for Lancet, published weekly, will retrieve significantly more than a monthly publication.

More than one journal title abbreviation may be entered if separated by the logical operator, **or**. Search for more than one journal with **caution**. The retrieval can be large. A search for both Lancet and the New England Journal of Medicine (N Engl J Med) in SDline on November 30, for example, retrieved 316 references. The retrieval will be more focused and smaller if combined with subjects.

Combining a search of more than one journal title with a number of expanded (**use the +**) terms, such as **heart diseases** or **child**, selected from **MeSH** is one way to reduce and focus retrieval of references when a large number is expected with journal titles alone. A search of SDline for **+child** in Lancet retrieved 43 references, and **+heart diseases** retrieved thirteen.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Untitled-1" with a search form. At the top, it says "Enter your" followed by a dropdown menu set to "SDline" and the text "database search." Below this are several input fields: "AUTHOR/NAME", "TITLE WORDS", "SUBJECT WORDS", "2ND SUBJECT", "3RD SUBJECT", "4TH SUBJECT", and "JOURNAL ABBREV" which contains the text "Lancet or N Engl J Med". Below the input fields are two rows of checkboxes. The first row is "Limit to:" with options for "English Language" and "Review Articles". The second row is "Include:" with options for "Abstracts" (checked), "MEDLINE References", and "MeSH". At the bottom are four buttons: "Run Search %R", "Find MeSH Term", "Reference Nos...", and "Older Material...".

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